

MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL - ZOOM
JULY 6, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

MAYOR

TODD M. HARRELSON

COUNCIL

LEWIS C. HARDEE, Jr.

CARROLL D. PADGETT, Jr.

MICHAEL E. SUGGS

JOAN S. GAUSE

ASSENT

JAN P. VESCOVI

TERRENCE T. HARDEE

NEWS MEDIA present were Mrs. Jen Boyd Causey, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune, and Ms. Annie Rigby, writer for The Loris Times.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harrelson.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Lewis C. Hardee, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Todd Harrelson.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called by Interim City Clerk Todd K. Massey II

MAYORS REPORT:

Samantha Norris with the Loris Chamber of Commerce stated that she had the Big City Sale and it was a big success, and it would be continuing once a month. Mrs. Norris also stated she is diligently working on the upcoming 42nd Annual Bog Off. We have a great Line up of bands coming and great vendors from arts and crafts to food to everything in between. We are expecting a huge turn out this year being things are "back to normal".

Samantha Norris stated that we just returned from Miss South Carolina. She did not win, but she did very well. She represented Loris very well, and everyone should be proud of her.

Samantha Norris added this Friday at 10 am Lilly Mae's will hold a Grand Opening and next Friday the Chamber's Chicken Coop will hold its Grand Opening at 10 am as well.

Mayor Todd Harrelson

McLeod Loris Hospital gave a report not necessarily a Covid report because there is nothing about Covid to report. There is a good deal of work that has been completed at the hospital in the past ninety days. They have two new boilers, and two new HVAC systems and the renovation for the entire third floor is complete.

Top Gun Tournament this Friday through Sunday with twenty plus teams coming out to play at the recreation center. FCA (Future Christian Athletes) will be involved with the tournament on Sunday.

Mayor Harrelson stated that Dequan Montgomery was lining up some things for football. Dequan Montgomery works for our recreation department. He is currently working on putting together a football camp for a later date.

Mayor Todd Harrelson made a move to table the minutes and carry them to the next meeting. Carroll D. Padgett, Jr. Made a motion followed by a second by Lewis C. Hardee, Jr.. All voted favorably.

BUSINESS:

Interim City Clerk Keith Massey stated that he spoke with Charlie Barrineau MASC about the standardization, and he sent over some interesting stuff. He gave a timeline to talk about, he would also like to come talk to Council, if you would like for him to in the future, maybe the next Council Meeting. We must send out letters explaining the situation and that it will be moved. If we have not sent out letters yet, the best practice he's seen so far across the State is they are waving the penalty, or at least part of the penalty. You have a sample letter on a letter head. This is an example and can change it to better fit the way we do business and handle things.

Interim City Clerk Keith Massey stated that he would like the help of the Council to help decide the structure of the letter that goes to the businesses.

Mayor Todd Harrelson stated that we would have the second reading on Ordinance 03-21.

City Attorney Kenneth Moss stated this is the ordinance that repeals our prior action to increase hospitality tax rate and would bring it back to the one-half percent in light of the settlement between Myrtle Beach and Horry County.

Interim City Clerk Keith Massey reads, that the second reading of Ordinance 03-21 of the City of Loris is to appeal and replace Ordinance 04-20.

Councilman Lewis C. Hardee, Jr. made a motion to adopt Ordinance 03-21, seconded by Councilman Carroll D. Padgett, Jr.. All voted in favor.

Mayor Todd Harrelson stated that we had discussed cameras in Watson Park, all are in favor of that happening.

Interim City Clerk Keith Massey replied that he has checked with two of the companies that we currently use and do that type of work. Brinks was one of the companies and they were in the seven-thousand-dollar range before they ever looked at it. I contacted HTC because they do a lot of mobile security cameras systems. We do not have an office, modem, power supply, so all this would be mobile. There is a gentleman there that handles this through the Cities of Myrtle Beach, Aynor, and Conway. With four cameras, modem and a mobile power supply that would be somewhere around \$2785.53, we would own the equipment for life, and comes with a protective box so it is secure. We would be able to remote into it through the internet, with a reoccurring \$40 charge for a data card from FirstNet. This system is 24/7 on demand, not motion, high definition. This can be added right on to a contract we already have.

Mayor Todd Harrelson stated that this is for the safety and security of the residents in the community and the people using the facilities. We will put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mayor Todd Harrelson brought forth information about a company named Data Max. It is a company that collects corporate business fees or goes out and finds corporate businesses that does business behind the scenes that we would never catch. For example, someone doing business with Bojangles, that is the business license fee that they would collect, that we would not normally collect. There are other Municipalities that use this company that have collected as much as \$50-100,000 extra throughout the year in business license fees just because they know and we do not.

Interim City Clerk Keith Massey stated that the contract states if they do not do any work they do not get paid. If they Do not bring in anything, they get nothing in return. No cost up front. No doubling down on current businesses either. Bobby Monroe from Data Max said that he would come and have a meeting with Council when it is convenient, and describe everything in full.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Ricky Bellamy spoke about the storm that may be coming our way, and the preparations under way in case it makes landfall here. Mainly, just a rain event.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Andy Bell stated that since the first of May we have had 32 new permit applications, three of which are new homes to go on Lake Dr. One is the Low Country Urgent Care on Broad Street, another one McLeod Medical Offices on the corner of Casey and Mishoe. Plus, there is a building being renovated to become a restaurant on Main Street. Since the first of May we have written up six individuals or contractors for building without permits, posted four unsafe buildings, and written 14 zoning violations.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Statement given by Mayor Todd Harrelson. We are in the middle of our tournament season. We have a tournament this Friday through Sunday. I also must give it to the Loris High Principal Jimmy McCullough. He has reached out and gotten some kids that have come out and stepped up and helped us in any way we needed it, so have the ladies from City Hall. Looking forward to the tournaments and football season coming up.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Police Chief Buley stated he did not have anything tonight.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Hardee is absent. Interim Clerk Keith Massey reported another busy month. They had 109 calls 62.9% were EMS calls. They did respond to some fire calls, and some serious car wrecks, where people lost their lives.

PUBLIC AND PRESS:

No Comments

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Lewis C. Hardee, Jr. Made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Joan S. Gause. All voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

ATTEST:

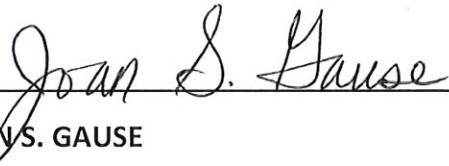


Todd K. Massey II
CITY CLERK



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MAYOR

LORIS COUNCIL MEMBERS



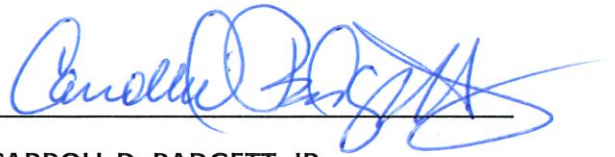
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